

LAST U. S. NOTE  
PUTS ISSUE IN  
PLAIN TERMS

Good Faith of German Government is Seriously Questioned in Reply to Kaiser's Denial in Sussex Case.

NO LONGER TO ACCEPT  
PLEAS "IN ABATEMENT"

Wilson Goes Over Note to Give Final Polish—Chairmen Stone and Flood to Examine Message.

International News Service.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—"The formation of the United States, which provides the president and his advisers believe, that Germany's promises and pledges that submarine warfare will be conducted in accordance with international law, have been ruthlessly violated. The American note is ready with the exception of the final polishing now being given it by Pres't Wilson. It states the issue in explicit terms and makes it plain that this government will no longer be satisfied with pleas 'in abatement' or promises of good faith. The issue is placed squarely before Germany. If that government insists that its last note to the United States is an exact statement of the facts and that it intends continuing its present campaign, a diplomatic break cannot be avoided. It now is up to the Kaiser's government."

This was today's position in the submarine controversy as outlined by white house officials. The situation hardly could be more grave, they said. The only lightning of the clouds is the revelation in press dispatches from Berlin that the German government is ready to make concessions "to meet the views of the United States." But these concessions must be more than mere form, officials say. They must be assurances that cannot be violated by individuals, otherwise the existing friendly relations between the two governments are certain to be interrupted.

## Good Faith Questioned.

The only chances made in the note, officials say, as the result of the confidential communications sent to Pres't Wilson by Ambassador Gerard have been the elimination of a few phrases and the transposition of several sentences. The note still charges that German good faith is under serious question as the result of the action of many submarine commanders and it recites the details of the various instances which the administration holds proves beyond reasonable doubt that unarmed merchant ships have been sunk without warning.

Officials made no effort to disguise their fears today. They insisted that the advice from Berlin seemed to indicate that the president was expected to leave the issue open to discussion. The contrary is the case, they say. A few who have been counting on a compromise with the original German attitude of seeming defiance, expressed the hope that the report that Villa was dead may prove influential in shaping the new German course. But the majority of these officials admitted that they had absolutely nothing upon which to base such a view.

## Does Not Call for Answer.

Chairmen Stone and Flood of the senate and house foreign relations committees, expected to see the president later today and to take up with him the text of the communication. In this connection administration officials at the capital explained that the note so far as they were able to learn does not call for a specific answer. It makes plain the belief of the United States that promises have been violated, sets forth the various instances upon which this belief is based, and then insists that the United States "a neutral nation" cannot be expected further to overlook what seems to be a flagrant assault upon its rights. The Sussex attack is declared to have been proved beyond question and the German answer in this connection is used to show why the administration believes it is proved. And while there is no distinct and specific threat, it is understood that the communication sets forth that the next violation by a German submarine of any rights of the United States automatically must mean a complete diplomatic break.

The report of the American Consul Hurst at Barcelona, regarding the attack upon the Russian ship Imperator, is not expected to be considered at the present. An Austrian, not a German submarine, was responsible and the fact that the vessel was shelled, even though it is said the shells "were without warning," is considered by officials to indicate that the ship may have failed to respond to the signals of the submarine. In any event, however, it is explained, a complete investigation will have to be made before this government can act.

## Seek Men "Higher Up" in Bomb Plot



Left to right, top—Frederick Garbage, George Praedel and William Paradis. Left to right, bottom—Capt. Charles von Kleist, Ernest Becker and Capt. Otto Wolpert.

NEW YORK, April 17.—With eight of the active workers in the ship bomb plot already under arrest, federal agents and the New York police have begun an investigation which promises to lead to the most far-reaching exposures yet effected of the activities of the German secret service system in this country.

Four of the men in custody have admitted under questioning facts seriously implicating Capt. Fritz von Papen, the recalled German military attaché, and Capt. Sternburg, a German officer who escaped in female garb from this country to Germany, after disclosures connecting him with the Teutonic secret service system.

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The Harrovin displaced 4,369 tons and was built in 1914. It was a Cambrian liner, hailing from London.

International News Service.  
PROVIDENCE, R. I., April 17.—The mystery of the disappearance of Dorothy Arnold, the New York heiress, may be solved in investigations started by the police today following the confessions of an inmate of a Rhode Island penal institution. While the police were searching for the girl's body, the names of the convict and his accomplices were withheld. His knowledge of the mystery, however, commences only after the death of the girl. He declares he does not know what the "job" was. He says he was paid \$250 for his part in disposing of the dead man. He said:

"The job was framed in a Seventh av. saloon in New York. A rich man took another fellow and myself to New Rochelle late one night. We were told to protect the gentleman in case of trouble. I did not know what the job was about, but was paid \$250 for my part."

"We reached a house just outside of New Rochelle and a man brought a woman out in his arms. We were driven through New York to West Point, where the unconscious woman was carried into the house and placed on a couch."

"The next night the limousine called for me at the New York saloon and we went to the house outside West Point. The same gentleman carried the woman wrapped in a sheet to the cellar where a grave was dug and she was buried."

Sure of Identity.  
"The girl was Dorothy Arnold. I had nothing to do with the job but was prepared to protect the gentleman in case of trouble."

"I sat alongside the woman during the ride in the limousine and can describe her in every detail. If I dared I could name the man who was hired with me. My life would be worth little when the same which hangs around the Seventh av. saloon knows I told my part in the job."

The convict has recently acquired religion, it is said, and made the confession in order to ease his conscience.

The prisoner, who has served six months of a two years' sentence, described jewelry which he claimed to have seen on the girl's body and declared he was positive she was Dorothy Arnold. He also described in detail the appearance of the doctor, together with a young man who hired the gunman. He also declared

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PROGRESS  
of the War

International News Service.

LONDON, April 17.—The British steamer Harrovin, bound from New York to British ports, has been sunk. The vessel was unarmed. It is presumed to have been torpedoed by a German submarine.

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BERLIN, April 17.—Germany and Austria-Hungary are in full accord on international questions that have recently arisen. It was announced today, Baron Burián, the Austrian foreign minister, left for Vienna last night after all pending questions had been discussed with Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg and German Foreign Minister von Jagow.

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The foreign minister said that the relations between Italy and Russia were much improved and announced that Italy would be represented on the permanent committee which the allies are establishing in Paris to prevent supplies of any kind from reaching Germany from any source whatever outside of the territory held by the Teutonic allies.

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International News Service.  
WASHINGTON, April 17.—The senate today adopted the joint resolution appropriating \$92,000 for printing the proceedings of the industrial relations commission.

ALLIES' DEMANDS  
STIR UP GREECE

New Crisis Precipitated by Proposal to Use Railways For Entente Troops.

International News Service.

LONDON, April 17.—Following the adjournment of the Greek cabinet of deputies the Greek cabinet and the general staff today assumed absolute control of the government, says a dispatch from Athens.

The most important question which the cabinet has before it is the demand of the allies for use of the railway lines for the transportation of Serbian troops from the Adriatic to the Aegean coast.

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WASHINGTON, April 17.—George Teetzel, 45 years old, superintendent of a strawboard factory at Wabash, was instantly killed when his automobile turned turtle.

CARRANZA MEN  
DEF OFFICERS  
ATTACK SHOWS

First Chief's Leaders Incapable of Controlling Their Soldiers Parry Fight Definitely Reveals.

CONSUL GARCIA CONFIRMS  
REPORT OF VILLA'S DEATH

Declares Emphatically That Burial Spot Was Revealed by Captured Villista Colonel.

International News Service.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, April 17.—Carranza's leaders have proved themselves incapable of controlling their own men. This has been definitely shown, it was asserted here today, by the attack on American troops at Parral. While American officers at Fort Sam Houston gave the Carranza officers at Parral the benefit of the doubt and refused to say that the invitation to the United States soldiers under Maj. Tompkins to enter Parral was a deliberate trap, nevertheless the official report showing Carranza troops took part in the fighting is evidence that the enlisted men in the de facto government's army could not be controlled.

The fact that 40 Mexican soldiers were killed in the attack which cost the lives of two American troopers shows that there was no break in the ranks of the American soldiers when they fought their way out of the town and engaged in a running battle that lasted for 15 miles. Maj. Tompkins, hero of the pursuit that sent Villa flying across the border at Columbus, was also the dominant figure in the Parral battle. Wounded by one of the first volleys fired by the Mexicans he stayed at the head of his men and directed the operations that saved the force from extinction. Not only did Maj. Tompkins effect his retreat in a brilliant manner by taking advantage of every natural protection, but he also succeeded in taking with him his dead and wounded.

News Travels Swiftly.

The news of the Parral battle and the fact that the Americans were forced to retreat before the Mexican troops is traveling through Mexico like wildfire today. The Mexican reports, of course, disregard the fact that the Americans were far outnumbered. The news is already having its effect. Reports reached here today that anti-American rioting has broken out at Chihuahua City. Similar news from other points is expected shortly.

In the meantime American army officers are frankly skeptical of the official Mexican reports of Villa's death. If these are part of a plan to set the Americans off of Mexico, Carranza's military leaders will have "to be shown." Gen. Pershing, who has met Villa, will view the body which the Carranzistas claim to be that of the bandit chieftain and if it comes to a showdown Maj. Gen. Funston will do the same.

"I have seen Villa," said Gen. Funston today, "and I believe I would know his body even though mutilated, if not too long buried. I do not know his battle scars, but I certainly could not mistake the jagged teeth and the wavy black hair. Villa was also of unusual height for a Mexican, standing six feet odd."

Board Train in Chicago.

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Name Committee Looking  
Toward Organization of  
County Charity Council

Suggestion of Dr. Cecil North Before Conference Monday Morning May Bring Action—Defective Mentally Delinquency Cause.

Three persons were to be appointed on a committee to investigate the possibility of organizing all the charitable institutions of St. Joseph county into a county council at this afternoon's session of the County Social Welfare conference at the Progress club. Mrs. Lafayette LeVan, who presided at the morning meeting, was instructed to appoint the committee, following the suggestion of Dr. Cecil C. North, professor of sociology at DePauw university, who spoke on "Community Organization."

This action was taken when Dr. North pointed out that none of the charitable organizations was cooperating with any other in working out a community program. Mrs. V. E. Miller said that a similar organization, which embraced only the organizations of South Bend, had been started several years ago, but its work was limited and it lasted only a short time.

"In most communities the problem falls into two classes," said Dr. North. "One is a small field in which there is no organized charitable activity. The other is where there are several different organizations with no cooperation. South Bend is in this class."

"South Bend is doing a great work along charitable lines. You have a good recreation system, one that is as good as that in any other city of its size in the country. Each organization is doing a great deal, but the city should make a community program. Each organization has its own idea of the work it is going to do, but there is no combined program of work. Each wants to do a certain thing, but there is no cooperation with the others. There is no friction, but none of the agencies is acquainted with the work the other is doing."

Club Solves Problem.  
"A Social Workers' club is one solution to this problem. It is a remarkable what can be accomplished through these friendly meetings. There should be some kind of a county council of charitable agencies. It need not have an elaborate working machinery. The federation system for financing these agencies of South Bend is a fine thing, but it should be extended so that it would have a community program. This city is ready for this stage of its charitable work."

"A community of this size needs an agency to see that the laws that affect children are properly enforced. The dance halls and other similar places that influence the lives of children should be regulated under the direction of such an organization. The Juvenile Protective league of Chicago, and the Children's Aid of Indianapolis, are organizations that do just this sort of thing. They investigate the dance halls and assist the school authorities in working out the truancy problem."

"If the community has not yet employed a full time probation officer, there is all the more need for an organization of this kind. It should be built up around the juvenile court, and volunteer probation officers should be secured to assist the paid officer. It would not be difficult for this community to have such an organization."

Need Public Sentiment.

"We cannot get very far with any kind of work without public sentiment," said J. A. Brown, of Indianapolis, Monday morning, in suggestion.

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ROB EXPRESS CAR  
AND ESCAPE HERE

Two Men Jump From Lake Shore Train After Throwing Off \$1,000 in Loot.

Police and New York Central operatives are searching for two men, one tall and one short, who early this morning looted an express car on the train due in South Bend at 1:52 o'clock, threw off a quantity of silks and other goods valued at \$1,000, and then escaped from the train just before it reached the local depot. The two men were caught in the act and chased by a switchman, who turned back when the bandits threatened to kill him. It is believed the men left South Bend and are headed east. Railway detectives are in Elkhart, where the car was sidetracked after the robbery was discovered. Chief of Detectives Kessert and Detectives Liver and Lane worked upon the case Monday morning, although the police department was not notified until two and one-half hours after the robbery was discovered.

It is declared by the local police that the two robbers could have been apprehended had they been notified when the crime was discovered. Upon investigation, Detectives Dyer and Lane discovered that the two men had stopped in Steve Gergaz's saloon, Tenth street and Prairie avenue, at 6:30 o'clock. They asked for free drinks and were refused. They then went south on Prairie avenue to Sample street, where they were lost track of.

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HEAVY GUNS ARE  
USED ON VERDUN

Violent Bombardment is Not Followed by Infantry Attacks.

PARIS, April 17.—Although there were violent bombardments on both sides of the Meuse river, the night passed without any infantry attacks in the sector of Verdun. The French war office reported today.

The Germans west of the Meuse shelled heavily the French lines on the Avois-Lois-Motte-Homme-Cantigny front.

East of the Meuse the Germans bombarded the French positions in the region of Haudromont with extreme violence, including preparations for further infantry attacks in that region.

BERLIN, April 17.—Lieut. Berthold, of the German air service, brought down his fifth enemy aeroplane, a British biplane, near Peronne, in Belgium, on Sunday, the German war office announced today.

The official statement of the war office made no mention of fighting in the Verdun sector, nor any other part of the west front.

The following was the text of the report:

"West front: There is nothing of consequence to report from the west front."

"At Peronne in West Flanders, anti-aircraft guns brought down an enemy aeroplane. It fell behind the Belgian lines and was destroyed by our artillery."

"Northwest of Peronne Lieut. Berthold has brought down his fifth enemy aeroplane, a British biplane. The pilot was dead and the observer was wounded."

"Last front: The Russians have shown much activity about the bridgehead of Dynek."

"Balkan front: There is nothing to report."

BERLIN, April 17.—Soldiers at Nikolajewsk mutilated and set the barracks on fire, 27 perishing in the flames, says a dispatch to the Overseas News agency today. The mutiny, it is said, resulted from ill treatment from officers.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—American Consul C. B. Hurst at Barcelona, Spain, today called the state department that two Americans were aboard the Russian ship Imperator and one was injured when the vessel was fired on by an Austrian submarine near the Columbrede Islands. The injured American, Gustav Ohlson, is in a hospital in Barcelona. Aner Sorenson, the other American, was uninjured.

The Imperator was enroute from Gulfport, Miss., to Marseilles, France, with a cargo of lumber.

WORCESTER, Mass.—The "run-away germ" which imperils girls to leave their homes is due to high blood pressure, declares Dr. Max Hoff, after deep scientific investigation.

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U. S. TO INSIST  
ON PROOF OF  
VILLA'S DEATH

Gen. Hugh L. Scott Says His Physical Characteristics Would Prevent Another Body Being Substituted.

TROOPS WILL BE CALLED  
BACK IF BANDIT IS DEAD

Reports From Carranzistas, However, Are Looked Upon With Suspicion—Mining Property Destroyed.

International News Service.

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